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SUNDAY
MARCH 21, 1954

Took a walk, [redacted] then typed last night's notes.

The children came down and we lunched together, and shortly afterwards left for Paris.

I went to see Doug Dillon at 4:30 and he showed me a telegram he had received from Foster inquiring whether a trip to Paris next week by Doug MacArthur with an oral message from the President to Laniel might be useful. Foster pointed out the possibility that Bidault might take umbrage at this and left it to Dillon to think the matter over and make a recommendation. I agreed with Doug that Bidault should be consulted before he answered Foster's message. I showed him my proposed telegram and he had no objection to my sending it.

Another instruction came in from the Department today asking that the Embassy and ourselves make an analysis of the French situation. Doug and I decided to do so on Wednesday after he has had dinner with Laniel the preceding night and has had a further conversation with Bidault.

Tommy and I went to the office and joined Miss Schukraft there. We had the long telegram written up and it was sent off this evening in these terms:

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